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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Chart and very brief explanation of composition and functions of
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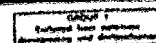
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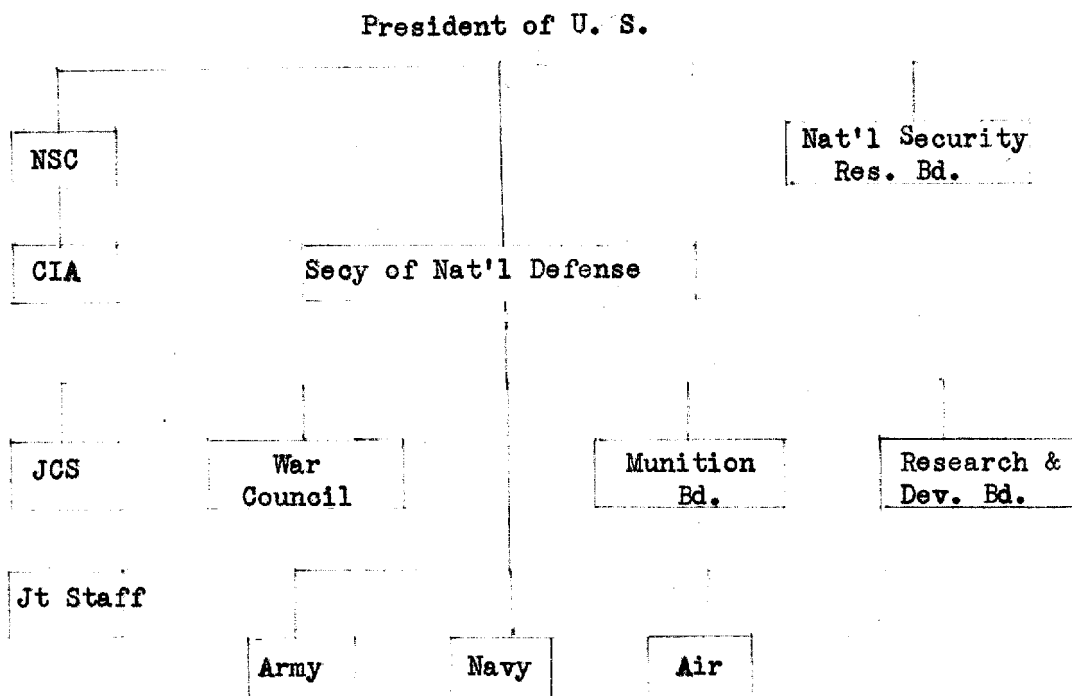
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Organization for National Security



1. National Security Council: Thirty-five meetings of the National Security Council to date, seven of which the President has attended personally. He sees the reports of those he has not attended within 24 hours after each meeting of the NSC, and takes prompt action in every instance. The NSC is composed of seven members, as follows: Secretary of State, Secretary of National Defense, Secretaries of Army, Navy and Air Force; Chairman of the NSRB and Mr. Sidney Souers, Secretary. There is a possibility that membership will be reduced to four by eliminating the Secretary of Army, the Secretary of Navy and the Secretary of Air, thereby reducing the preponderance of military influence, so-called.

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2. National Security Resources Board: Studies allocation of resources by the military and civilian establishments. Mr. Mon C. Wallgren has been nominated as the Chairman of this Board by the President, but to date has not been confirmed by the Senate.

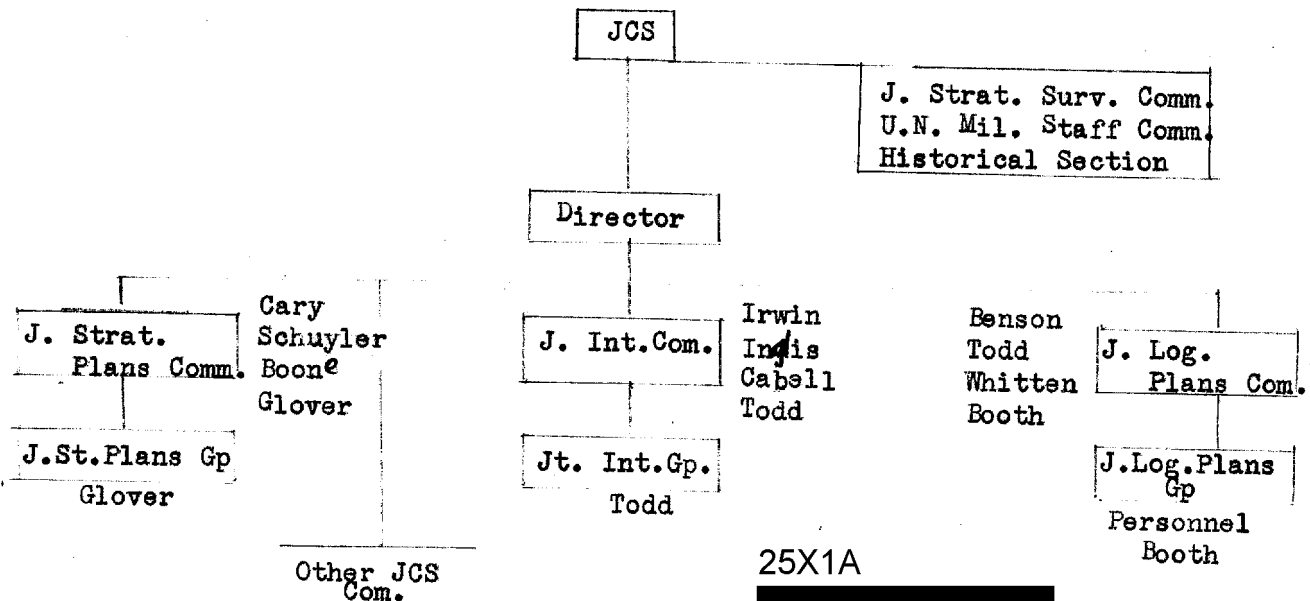
3. Munitions Board: Composed of a Chairman (Mr. Carpenter, Vice President of Remington Arms Company) and three under-secretaries of Army, Navy and Air Force. The Munitions Board takes over for the military after the NSRB has determined the allocation of resources for the Military Establishment.

4. Research and Development Board: Composed of Dr. Compton as Chairman (relieving Dr. Vanimar Bush), and two senior officers from each of the three services. Consideration is being given to the establishment of a Weapons Evaluation Board to consider the utility and relative weight of future weapons.

5. War Council: Composed of the ^{four} Secretaries and three Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air. Is really a policy council rather than a war council.

6. Joint Chiefs of Staff: Is composed of the ^{Chief of Staff & Chief in Chief} Chiefs of Staff for the three services and is concerned with strategic planning for the Military Establishment. Some discussion currently being undertaken to determine whether the head of the Joint Chiefs should be a chairman or a Chief of Staff of the Armed Services. The Joint Chiefs and its subordinate Joint Staff is organized, as follows:

~~Chairman vs Chief of Staff of Armed Services as head of JCS~~



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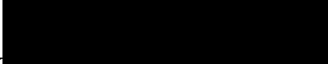
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